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Cancellation of assignments of lands made in Tanjore district.

* 86 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact of an enquiry made by the District Collector of Tanjore through the Town Tahsildar on the complaint made by Sri P. Kesavan of Tanjore against some of the political sufferers alleging that they had got assignments of land fraudulently; and

(b) what action has been or is proposed to be taken on the report of the Collector?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government examined the matter and ordered the cancellation of the assignment of lands made in favour of thirteen political sufferers, as they were satisfied that they had not been correctly made."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இம்மாதிரி சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து தியாகி என்பதாக நிலம் வாங்கிய போலித்தியாகிகளின்மேல் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறதா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the point is this, viz., that these assignments are first made and then it is brought to our notice that they are communal lands or tank-bed lands. Sometimes they are also given to people who are not eligible under the rules. For one or other of these reasons the assignments are cancelled."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, has any action been taken against those investigating officers who connived at these fraudulent assignments? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, there are no investigating officers in this matter. The applications for assignments are made and they are scrutinized. Sometimes mistakes do arise here as they arise in other cases also."

The Kanupur Scheme.

* 87 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the Kanupur Scheme for providing irrigation facilities from Pennar river by a canal from Sangam to irrigate upland areas of Nellore taluk was taken up for investigation; and

(b) when the plans and estimates were prepared and at what stage the matter stands at present?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) In 1947.

" (b) The preliminary plans and estimates were prepared in 1948 but the detailed investigation and the preparation of the estimates have been held up pending a decision regarding the